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In an interview with our Washington correspondent, soon after General Mahone had been elected U. S. Senator, Judge Harris, member of the House of Representatives from this State, when asked if he didn't think General Mahone would be a good democrat, replied, "I do not see how he can be otherwise, inasmuch as he has been a democrat all his life, and has made the three last governors of Virginia. It would be strange if he should now give the State a republican senator in the person of himself." And yet the General's mouthpiece says that if the readjusters must join either one of the two national political organizations, (and that they must in all cases in which national politics are involved is certain) they should choose the one in power—that is the republican party. The Judge is a man of much political discernment, unquestionably, but there are some things, at least, not drawn out in his philosophy by the mistake he made in his anticipations of Gen. Mahone's future political course.

The short letter Judge Field wrote last week to the invitation committee of the Shepherd banquet, in which he spoke very highly of the departing "Boss" so far as his presidential term is concerned, will do him more harm than all the good the New York Sun intended to do him by devoting two columns of a recent issue to the publication of his biography. The times in which such men as A. R. Shepherd came to the surface and revealed in corruption are a horror to most of the right thinking people of the country, and the dread of their return is sufficient to drive all that class of people away from the support of the friends of such men. A burnt child dreads the fire, and the dreadful recollections of the Shepherd-Babcock Harrington way in Washington are not calculated to inspire the people of the country with a hankering after the admirer of all of those men.

The conservatives of the city will hold their ward meetings to night for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State convention, and, incidentally, of nominating candidates for one or two ward offices. The State convention will assemble on the 19th instant, and every voter, white or black, debt payer or readjuster, who wants the war that the radicals continue to wage upon the South to cease, so that capital and immigration can come into this section without obstruction, is invited to attend to-night's meetings and take part in the proceedings. Many of the best men of the State will be delegates to the Richmond convention, and Alexandria should make it a point to be properly represented there also.

Major General Samuel P. Heintzleman, a retired officer of the U. S. army, died in Washington on Saturday last in the 71st year of his age. He was a native of Pennsylvania and during the war commanded a corps in the army of the Potomac, and was mentioned for gallant and meritorious services at the battles of Fair Oaks and Williamsburg. He was retired on account of wounds received in the line of duty. He was commander of the department of Washington, and was in charge of the defenses of the capital during a part of the war, his headquarters for a short time being in this city.

Southern readers of republican newspapers derive a good deal of amusement at present from the fact that many of such papers, probably the most popular ones, are now subsiding into all the charges that were ever brought against General Grant by the democrats, though, during his administration, they emphatically denied every one of them, and asserted that their only crime was in the imagination of malignant partisans.

Thomas A. Scott, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has tendered his resignation, to take effect June 1. Mr. Scott also gives up the presidency of the Northern Central and other roads and retires from business altogether. His health has made this course necessary, and his friends have not been surprised at the step which his physicians have ordered him to take. His disease is overwork.

Ex-Congressman Wm. Wirt Warren, of Massachusetts, died in Boston last night of pneumonia. He was a most capable statesman and possessed of rare abilities. Many of our citizens will remember him as an able and eloquent democratic speaker. During the Tilden and Hayes campaign he spoke at the mass meeting on Windmill Hill with great effect.

The American reprint of the British Quarterly Review for April has been received from its publishers, The Leonard Scott Publishing Co., of New York. Its contents are: Panics, Moons and Meteorites; Winkelmann, The Profession of an Architect; The English System of Penal Servitude; The Revolutionary Movement in Russia; Circumstantial Evidence; The Political Situation and Contemporary Literature.

The April number of Bretzner's Monthly, the most complete sporting journal printed in this country, has been received from its publishers in New York.

"The Virginian" is the title of a new readjuster paper just started at Woodstock, Shenandoah county. It is published by N. F. McCann, with H. H. Riddleberger editor. It is a handsome eight page weekly, and is ably edited on that side of the question.

May begins the four months when cysters are tabooed, partly on orthographical grounds, and partly because, as a rule, the bivalves are not fit to eat from now to September or later.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Six steamships left New York on Saturday, carrying away about five hundred cabin passengers.

The Baltimore Gazette after a trial of several months at one cent a copy, announces that it will be hereafter sold at two cents per copy.

Dr. Samuel Choppin, the distinguished surgeon died in New Orleans yesterday of pneumonia, after a three days' illness.

The published debt statement shows a decrease during the month of April of \$12,078, 070.50.

W. L. Fox, an extensive oil producer, aged 25 years, with a fortune of \$3,000,000, died in a car near Clarion, Pa., last week.

The Washington Post issued a Sunday edition yesterday, which it proposes to make a permanent feature.

Returns from the various committees in the State show that Blaine will secure the Maryland delegation to be sent to the Chicago convention.

A meeting of the employees of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad was held last night to protest against the proposed beneficial society to be established by the company.

A leading republican Senator who is favorable to Grant expresses the opinion that his nomination would result in the disintegration of the republican party.

Nattie Shepherd, a depraved female of Richmond, Va., who had been arrested Friday night for disorderly conduct, made a futile attempt to commit suicide by strangling herself with her apron.

The sale of the effects of the Jay Cooke estate was continued in Philadelphia on Saturday. Leads to the value of \$1,571.30 and \$35,000 of the bonds of the Sterling Iron and Railway Company were disposed of. The total amount realized from the assets by public sale to date is \$97,579.80.

Three dwellings at Little Falls, near Patterson, N. J., were burned to the ground early Saturday morning. An imbecile son of George Jackson, residing in the flames and a daughter barely escaped with her life. Several thousand dollars, taken from the bank to pay the hands of Mr. Jackson's late factory, were also burned. The loss will be \$10,000.

Fred Hassarek, editor of the Cincinnati Volksblatt, has written a letter to Emory S. Foster, of St. Louis, secretary of the anti-third term convention, regarding the feasibility of attending the convention, but warning him that he is fully in accord with the object of the convention.

He says: "I am opposed to the nomination of Grant or any other presidential candidate for a third term. I do not even believe a president should be elected for a second term."

Parnell's land league scheme is considered wild and impossible.

A committee in Paris is raising funds for the defense of religious liberty.

A number of influential Afghan chiefs have submitted to the British authorities.

The channel cable, connecting with the new French cable at Brest, has been successfully laid.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has been dissolved by royal decree. Elections will be held May 10th, and the new chamber convened on the 24th.

A British Cabinet Council has been summoned. Lord Wolton has been appointed Attorney General, and Mr. Osborne Morgan Judge Advocate General.

With the return of spring the usual outbreak of fire in various parts of Russia is reported. Seventy houses have been burned at Kadomsk, and thirty in Nizhny, rendering homeless over 200 families.

An emphatic denial is given to the statement that foreign Jews are being expelled from Russia. On the contrary, the regulations against the residence of Jews in several provincial towns have been suspended, by order of the minister of the interior.

It is reported that the Pall Mall Gazette, which has changed hands, will hereafter be a ministerial journal of advanced liberal principles. The retiring editor, Mr. Gladstone, has been given the agency in the making of the Bulwer-Gladstone convention.

Prince Leopold leaves London on May 13th, accompanied by his wife, Alice, and his daughter, who will visit his sister at Ostend, then follow a route including St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Washington, New York and Newport. He will, in all, spend four months in America, being anxious to see the New World and gather first-hand experience.

At the usual banquet given by the Council of the Royal Academy of Art on Saturday night, the Prince of Wales, replying to the toast to the royal family, alluded to the work of the Duke of Edinburgh. He said his brother had had the opportunity of taking supplies from the Constitution, that gallant ship sent over by the American consuls, who are so noble and generous.

A FATAL RAT BITE.—About six weeks ago Mr. Harvey P. Forrester, of Kingsburg, O., caught a common house rat in a flour barrel and attempted to kill it by smothering it with a meal-sack, when the rat fought for its life and bit him on the top of the thumb on the knuckle, making only a mere scratch, which healed up in a few days, and nothing more was thought of it until two weeks ago, when the same scratch began to pain him severely and showed signs of becoming a dangerous sore.

After this it began to grow worse, and last week Dr. Sutcliffe was summoned to treat the case, but pronounced it a fatal case, as the whole hand was filled with pus from this bite. Everything was done to relieve the man of pain, but without avail, and on Wednesday last he died of the symptoms of hydrophobia very rapidly. Wednesday night true symptoms of that disease took place and continued to manifest themselves until four o'clock Thursday morning, when death relieved the patient of his agony.

A SINGULAR TRAGEDY.—The observance of an old German and Celtic tradition, yesterday, resulted in quite a tragedy and riot at Patterson, N. J. The old German custom, now nearly obsolete in Germany, but still kept in Denmark, of going to the hills on May Day, or the first Sunday in May, at sunrise to "see the sun dance," was kept by the German societies in Patterson. This festival, a merry and innocent one, though sometimes attended with rioting of flowers, is considered to be a vestige of Bani or sun worship; the witches used to dance on the Blackberg on the first Sunday in May, according to the German legends which have come to us from the Harz mountains. Among the Patterson party of revelers was Joseph Van Houten, stepson of Alderman Swift, of Patterson, who attempted to cross the heads of Wm. Duffell, a farmer owning property on the mountain top. When Houten and his companions were warned from trespassing, but persisted, the former was shot dead by Duffell with a gun loaded with buckshot. Duffell was arrested by his house, by Van Houten's companions and when he refused to surrender, his house and barn were fired, and he was seized, a rope put about his neck, and he was very nearly hanged, when the police succeeded in making a diversion in his favor and procuring him a respite, after which he took refuge to a neighboring house until the sheriff could be obtained, in whose custody he went to Newark jail.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3, 1880. It is currently rumored in the reporters' gallery of the House to-day that an anti-third term resolution has been prepared and is to be sprung upon the House at the first favorable opportunity, and that Mr. Springer will offer it, and that the republicans are aware of it and will do all in their power to prevent its introduction. Some credence is given to this report by the fact that the republicans are calling for the reading of every report and resolution that is offered so as to delay proceedings until that hour arrives after which the introduction of such a resolution is impossible.

Mr. Randall, who returned to the city this morning, informed a gentleman who rode with him on the train that he was of the opinion that Congress would adjourn about the 1st proximo. He called Mr. Carlisle to the chair soon after the session of the House commenced this morning, and was moving around conversing with the members, particularly with those on the Appropriations Committee, and was supposed to be urging them to hurry up their business as much as possible, so as to make an adjournment practicable by the time he had desired. The fact that Mr. Randall foretold the exact day the adjournment of the last session two months before it occurred is many to believe that he is right in this instance also.

Senator Bayard returned this afternoon from a visit to his father, whose illness has been announced heretofore, and was in his seat in the Senate soon after 1 o'clock. He says it is doubtful if his father ever recovers, as he is now eighty odd years of age, but that his physicians have no fears of his immediate death.

It is understood that Mr. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, is spoken of as likely to succeed the late Joseph Segar as a member of the Spanish Claims Commission. He is recommended by both republicans and democrats, and at the present time stands a better chance for obtaining the appointment than any other applicant.

A prominent Grant republican of Virginia, in a conversation with your correspondent this morning, informed him that as the object of his party was to secure the electoral vote of the State for Grant, he had no doubt that the electoral ticket as decided upon at Staunton would be altered after the readjusters' convention, and the names of readjusters be substituted for some of those now on it. It made, he said, no difference to the party who cast the vote, and it by the mere substitution of five or six readjusters for an equal number of republicans the whole majority strength could be secured, the names of the party were not such dots as to refuse to make the change to which he alluded. It is generally understood to-day that Mr. Hays has already voted the immediate delivery bill containing the duty marshals' appropriations, and that the veto was prepared before he received the bill, but as the grounds upon which the veto is based are solely technical the objections can be removed soon after the bill is returned to the House.

The river and harbor bill has been completed. The appropriations for Virginia are as follows: James River, \$75,000; Norfolk, \$50,000; Rappahannock, \$25,000; Appomattox, \$20,000; York, \$10,000; New River, \$14,000; North Landing, \$15,000; Patuxent, \$7,500; Dan, \$10,000; Staunton, \$7,500; Nottoway, \$5,000; Oanokeck, \$5,000; Totopost, \$2,500; Pamunkey, \$2,500; Mont Vernon, \$3,000; Chickahominy, \$3,000; Mataponi, \$2,500; Blackwater, \$3,000.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Johnson presented the petition of Graham and Robinson of Virginia for the passage of the Euton bill creating a tariff commission.

Senator Thurman, who has returned from his recent visit to Ohio, was in his seat this morning and received numerous congratulations upon his apparently restored health and also upon the speech he made while he was away in which he added strength to the anti-third term bonnet.

The House Committee on Postoffice agreed this morning to report in favor of the bill for return postal cards.

Senator Angus Cameron informed a newspaper correspondent this morning that the republican convention of his State, Wisconsin, which will meet on Wednesday, will send no instructed delegates to the Chicago convention, that 12 of the 20 delegates to which the State is entitled will be for Blaine, and that the remaining eight will be divided between Grant and Washburn.

Mr. Towson informed your correspondent this morning that he had secured success from certain members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House that they would report a bill making reductions on paper and a few other necessary articles at an early date, though there were members of the committee that would use all the means in their power to prevent such a measure from passing.

He also said that the vote of the people had reached the House, and that he felt assured there would be some tariff relief before the end of the session.

Communicated.

Temperance in Fairfax.

More than usual interest is felt in this community at the present time upon the subject of temperance, owing to the fact that under the operation of our local option law the barrooms which have existed in the town from time immemorial have closed from this date.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Providence Lodge, No. 3, Good Templars, was held last night, and the fact of the closing of the bar rooms was the source of much congratulation with the members of this staunch old lodge which has been so quietly, but surely, moulding public sentiment for the past thirteen years by its active work in the community, and when the members, at the close of our meeting last night, all joined with a will in singing that grand old hymn, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," I am sure there was not one present but that his just pride in being a Good Templar, and engaged in the good cause of temperance.

This being the regular meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing quarter, that business was attended to with the following result, viz:

D. M. Chichester, W. C. T.; Miss Julia E. Clayton, W. V. P.; D. W. Clayton, W. S.; Wm. H. Haxthorn, W. F. S.; Miss Emma Sagar, W. H. S.; G. W. Haxthorn, W. C.; E. W. Whaler, W. M. E. Haxthorn, W. I. G.; Miss Gunnell, W. O. G.; Miss Martha J. Clayton, W. R. H. S.; Miss Delia E. L. Clayton, W. I. H. S.; Miss Mary E. Canfield, W. D. M.; Miss Emma Forsyth, W. A. S.

These officers will do duty indefinitely at the next meeting of the lodge.

On Friday night, the 14th of May, we will have Col. W. S. Christian, G. W. C. T. of the State; M. J. F. Deane, State Lecturer, and Hon. T. E. Taylor, G. W. C. T. with us, when we propose having a grand rally.

The ex-convict committee of the Grand Lodge will hold meeting at this place on Friday, May 14, to look after the interests of the Order relative to the stone work, &c. G. Fairfax C. H., May 1.

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The Discussion at Warrenton.

[Reported for the Alexandria Gazette.]

CULPEPER, VA., April 29, 1880.—Often the old maxim has been heard, "A friend in need is a friend indeed"—but it's too late after John E. Massie died. I suppose everybody knows Ham—not the Ham spoken of in the Bible, but a little skippin' Ham (not from old age, either), that resides in Warrenton, Fauquier county, Va., and has the honor to be one of the democratic executive committee of the State. It was really amusing to see Ham dance the "Fancy Jim Crow Polka," to a regular old fashioned cap meeting hymn, sang to him last Monday (our day) in the town hall, at Warrenton, by Parson John E. Massie, one of the "lord's stump orators," but who is now speculating very freely in politics. The Parson is certainly a forcible debater, with as much cheek as a Government mule, and it is to be regretted that the devil has persuaded him to kick out of harness. The following was, as well as I remember, the first four lines of the hymn:

This is a land of pure delight,
Where founders never will retire;
Readjusters buried out of sight
Would rise and steal again.

The whole audience (Secretary L. F. W. Lyke, who has no ear for music, excepted,) joined in the chorus with a vim, that went in this way:

O, weep not, founders, weep not,
It is our country's call
To pay a part of the State debt,
That you may not steal all.

I will venture to say that no one in the house enjoyed it more than the secretary did, witnessing the Parson make the wool fly out of poor little Ham. What a pity for this secretary that it was made fly out of the Shepherd instead of a sheep: he could then have purchased and made a handsome commission out of the flock.

It was the first time I had ever listened to a debate between a funder and readjuster, and it was a very nice point to detect from the argument the "other from which." The only way I could tell was to watch a very enthusiastic cross-eyed readjuster, who, I imagined, from the crest he carried, felt very much like an old woman at a camp meeting. She was kicking up her heels and shouting at a terrible rate, when one of the ministers stepped up to her and said, "My dear sister, seem so very happy, will you tell me how you feel?" "Oh," said she, "my dear brother, I feel like the Marice band of the United States was playing in my stomach that sweet and patriotic old tune, 'Gish a gith a gith I never did see.'"

The Parson called Ham a tarheel, and was loudly applauded, though the applause, I don't think, was merited, as what he said was borrowed and not